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SENATOR SCOTT'S SEAT IS SECURE

Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections Reported, Declaring that N. B. Scott Was

DULY ELECTED A SENATOR

From West Virginia—Five Republicans and Three Democrats Signed the Report.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The senate committee on privileges and elections, to-day submitted its report in the case of Senator Scott, favoring his retention of his seat and declaring in terms that he "was duly elected a senator from the state of West Virginia for the term of six years, from March 4, 1899."

The report was signed by five Republicans, and three Democrats, every member of the committee excepting one, Senator Pettus, of Alabama.

Senator Pettus made no minority report, contenting himself with withholding his signature and giving notice that he would have some remarks to make at a future time.

Senator McComas, of the committee, at once announced that he would call up the report for final action early next week.

The report is regarded here as a decided rebuke to the so-called contestants. Three of the most prominent Democrats of the senate, members of the committee—Messrs. Caffery, Turley and Harris—unite with their Republican associates, who are among the ablest on that side of the chamber, in solemnly declaring that the title of Senator Scott is unassailable.

As heretofore stated in the Intelligencer, it is understood Senator Pettus dissented only because he believed some inquiry should have been made into the status of State Senators Getzendanner and Pierson. He will probably be supported in his contention by two other Democratic senators, who, as recently telegraphed from here, were "induced" to make speeches against the adoption of the report. A leading Democratic senator, a representative of one of the great states of the south, said to the Intelligencer correspondent in Willard's hotel to-night, that Senator Scott has no opposition. The Republicans who signed the report are Senator Chandler, chairman, and Senator Hoar, Senator Pritchard and Senator McComas.

WEST VIRGINIA'S SHRINERS.

In the National Capital Making Arrangements for Nobles Who Will Cross the Burning Sands Next May. Mrs. Dovenor Arrived from Wheeling—Mrs. Dayton Left for Grafton on Account of Illness of Her Sister.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Prominent West Virginians who have been here recently, and some who are still here, are Messrs. W. H. Hearne, James B. McKee, Clark Hamilton, Will Irwin, T. C. Burke and W. H. Rinehart, all of Wheeling, and H. S. Richardson, of Piedmont.

The mission of some of these gentlemen was to arrange for the accommodation of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, who expect to cross the burning sands, and participate in the grand gathering of the order in this city next May.

It is understood the rank and file will be domiciled while here at the Colonial hotel, and that the representatives will be quartered at the Riggs House.

The Charleston members have been invited to unite with the Wheeling contingent in these arrangements.

Mrs. B. B. Dovenor arrived here this morning from Wheeling, where she had spent a week among friends.

Mrs. A. G. Dayton left for Grafton late last night in obedience to a telegram, announcing the serious illness of her sister.

MR. RINEHART EXPLAINS

The Object of His Visit to Washington—Represents Property Owners.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Your correspondent has interviewed Mr. Walter H. Rinehart, who represents Wheeling property owners in the matter of the new postoffice building, and he stated that the interview of Senator Scott in yesterday's Intelligencer was misleading. The sole object of the committee in Washington is to persuade Captain Dovenor to have the bill now before the house committee so amended or changed that the present site shall not be discriminated against in the selection of a site for the new building. By the bill passed in the senate it is impossible to build on the present site. The committee will call on Captain Dovenor on Wednesday, and ask him to co-operate to that end. The committee from Wheeling thinks this statement is due in justice to the purpose it has in view.

Only a Social Call.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Messrs. Barnett and Sapp, federal officials at Louisville, and K. J. Hampton, of Kentucky, were among the President's callers to-day. They told the chief executive that their visit was entirely a social one, and that they were not the bearers of any appeal from Governor Taylor for aid in the gubernatorial contest. They remained but a few minutes.

THE KENTUCKY SQUABBLE

Enlivened by Reports as to the Man Whom Sergeant Golden Charges as the Assassin of Goebel—Said to be a Mulatto Now Hiding in the Mountains—His Name Said to Have Been Divulged to the Attorneys.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 20.—The stories growing out of the conference between Sergeant F. Wharton Golden, of the Barbourville company of state militia, and the attorneys who are managing the investigation of the assassination of Governor Goebel, have caused a sensation throughout the state. Golden will be placed on the stand by the prosecution in the trial of the persons already arrested for complicity in the assassination, but information as to the exact nature of the testimony he is expected to give is lacking. Attorneys Campbell and Polsgrove naturally decline to discuss the matter and Golden himself will say nothing.

Specials from Winchester say Golden is still at that place, in company with his attorney. The two spend most of the time about the hotel. They see all callers, however, and talk freely on all subjects except that of Golden's reported confession.

"I will do all I can for my friends all the time," Golden is reported as saying, "but I must first be true to myself. When the time comes I will tell all I know. Whatever else may be said about me, I do not think I can be accused of being a liar, a coward or a Democrat, and I want it distinctly understood that I am not here under guard."

The story is published that Golden has divulged to the attorneys the name of the man who fired the shots that killed Goebel. The person mentioned is a mulatto who formerly lived at Winchester, was prominent in the French-Eversole feud, and is known as a dead shot. This man is now supposed to be in the wilds of one of the mountain counties. The evidence that he was in Frankfort at the time of the assassination was found among papers taken from W. P. Culton, a clerk in the auditor's office, when the latter was arrested a week or so ago, on a warrant, charging him with being an accessory to the murder. Among these papers were receipts for board bills, amounting to about \$300, incurred by eighteen men who were in Frankfort for some time before and at the time Governor Goebel was shot. In one of these receipts the name of the mulatto mentioned is given. The receipt in this case is for money received from John Perkins, by Bettina Pittman for the board of three men. Perkins is a porter about the state house.

Golden at Lexington. LEXINGTON, Ky., March 20.—Sergeant F. Wharton Golden, the man who is alleged to have made incriminating statements in the Goebel murder case, arrived here in company with his attorney, Smith Hayes, to-night shortly after 7 o'clock. They came from Winchester. Their movements have been kept in the dark and their presence was not known until seven hours after their arrival. They did not register at the hotel, but it is said Golden went through the rear door and subsequently to his room in the hotel. A still more probable story is that they were met by a carriage and driven to the home of a Goebel hotel clerk, known nothing of their arrival efforts to find Golden proved futile. Many rumors are in the air. One is that he is trying to get away from Goebel influences, but he is closely watched. Another report is that he is here for a further conference with Goebel attorneys to-morrow.

JUDGE FIELDS

Sustained Demurrers of Beckham's Attorneys.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 20.—Judge Field to-day sustained the demurrer of counsel for Governor Beckham and granted the motion to strike out certain parts of the amended reply of the Republicans in the consolidated gubernatorial contest suit. With this went a judgment signed by Judge Field in conformity with this decision and the former one, sustaining the first demurrer and motion to strike out. This judgment is interlocutory, not final, and two questions of fact still remain to be passed on by Judge Field: Was or was not Governor Beckham of the requisite constitutional age? Was or was not Governor Goebel's death before or after the legislature had declared him the legally elected governor of the commonwealth? When Judge Field passes on these two points, depositions on which are now being made, the next step will be an appeal by the Republicans to the court of appeals.

KENTUCKY EPISODE.

Two Dead and One Seriously Wounded.

PINEVILLE, Ky., March 20.—On Marrowbone creek, twenty miles from here, John Langley and Mose Sopher had an altercation, in which Langley and Sopher were both killed and a man named Johnson was seriously wounded. The altercation was over Langley arresting Sopher about two years ago, while constable, on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses. Sopher was acquitted and claimed Langley had no authority to arrest him. Johnson claimed he was trying to separate Sopher and Langley when he was shot.

Sultan Yields to Russia's Demands.

LONDON, March 21.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Times announces that the sultan has yielded "in all essential particulars" to the Russian demands respecting railway concessions in Asia Minor.

Sapho Goes to the Jury.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Justice Furman to-day made a decision in the Sapho case, deciding that it be submitted to the grand jury. If indictments are found the defendants will be tried by a jury in general sessions.

CONFERES REACHED A COMPROMISE

Senate and House Conferers on the Puerto Rican Appropriation bill Agreed

UPON COMPROMISE MEASURE,

Giving to the Island All of the Revenues Collected Since the Spanish Evacuation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The conferees on the Puerto Rican appropriation bill have agreed upon a compromise measure. The senate conferees receded from the senate amendment, limiting the appropriation to the revenue collected on Puerto Rican imports until the first of last January, and restored the clause in the house bill applying to future revenues reading as follows:

"Together with any further customs revenue collected on importations from Puerto Rico since January 1, 1900, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law."

The provision in the senate amendment, specifying the purpose for which the money shall be used, is retained, but an addition is made, declaring specifically that it shall be for the aid and relief "of the Puerto Ricans."

The bill as agreed upon, reads as follows:

That the sum of \$2,085,455 being the amount of customs revenue received on importations to the United States from Puerto Rico since the evacuation of Puerto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 18th of October, 1898, to the first of January, 1900, together with any further customs revenue collected on importations from Puerto Rico since the first of January, 1900, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law, shall be placed at the disposal of the President, to be used for the government now existing and which may hereafter be established in Puerto Rico, and for the aid and relief of the people thereof and for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes therein, until otherwise provided by law, and the revenues herein referred to already collected and to be collected under existing law are hereby appropriated for the purpose herein specified, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

PUERTO RICAN

Tariff and Government Bill Discussed in the Senate—Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, Spoke on the Constitutional Features of the Bill, and Held that Under the Treaty of Paris We Could Not Let Go of Puerto Rico or the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Discussion of the Puerto Rican government and tariff bill was resumed in the senate to-day, Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, presenting a speech dealing with some of the constitutional phases of the measure. He maintained that, as the treaty of Paris was the supreme law of the land, it was impossible for the United States to abandon either Puerto Rico or the Philippines. He held, also, that the constitution extended to a certain extent, at least, over the acquired territory, and that the inhabitants of Puerto Rico were citizens of the United States.

ARKANSAS REPUBLICANS

Adopt a Ringing Platform and Endorse the Administration.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 20.—The Republican state convention adjourned late to-night, after electing delegates to the national convention and declaring for the re-nomination of President McKinley.

The platform adopted endorsed the administration of President McKinley, and says:

"We favor the expansion policy of the administration. We favor annexation of the Philippines as the most beneficent thing that could happen to the Philippines and as giving us command of the vast trade of the Orient not otherwise possible."

The platform opposes trusts and favors the Nicaragua canal, to be owned and controlled by the American government, and endorses the protective tariff policy. On the subject of suffrage the plank reads:

"We denounce the Goebel act and the Nesbit act and all similar laws in Arkansas and elsewhere, concocted to cheat the honest voter and to enable a corrupt minority to govern. We hereby extend our earnest sympathy to Governor Taylor, as at this period he is the champion of the fair ballot, and we regard him and his associates as persecuted solely because they are elected by the people and are Republicans."

Every mention of President McKinley's name was cheered, and the delegates to the Philadelphia convention were unanimously instructed to vote for his re-nomination. The following delegates at large were elected: John McLure, Charles N. Rix, C. T. Duke and Ferd Havis. Havis is the only colored man in the list. The convention decided to meet again in July, to nominate a state ticket.

Congressman Sibley Ill.

FRANKLIN, Pa., March 20.—Congressman Joseph C. Sibley is confined to his bed with a grippa. He came home last Saturday to spend a few days with his family and was attacked shortly after his arrival. His condition is not regarded as serious.

BAD GANG ARRESTED.

Wanted at Cumberland for Various Depredations.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va., March 20.—Last night three negroes, named William Blackstone, Benjamin Jones and James Lacy, were arrested at Sir John's Run, by Sheriff Harrison and Deputy Croason, on complaint of Major Toller and Thornton Henderson, also colored, who charge them with robbing them of \$25 in South Cumberland. This evening Sheriff Martin and Officer McDonald, of Cumberland, are here, and say that the three prisoners are undoubtedly the men wanted for committing numerous depredations in Cumberland. The prisoners refuse to accompany the Maryland officers without a requisition. Blackstone gives Baltimore as his home, and Jones and Lacy say they are from Westmoreland county, Virginia. A fourth man in the party escaped, and officers are on his track. They are supposed to be the same gang who beat and nearly killed a man named Davidson a few days ago.

GRAFTON REPUBLICANS

Have Done Nobly—Getting in Line for November.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. GRAFTON, W. Va., March 20.—The Republicans to-day elected their entire ticket, except one councilman, by a largely increased majority. W. O. Boyd received 133 majority over his Democratic opponent, W. Poe, a gain over last year of 98. John O. Chenoweth, Republican, gets a majority of 257 over his Democratic opponent, William Jarvis. The council will stand six Republicans to two Democrats. Thus Grafton is getting in line for the greater battle in November.

Grafton Jubilating.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. GRAFTON, W. Va., March 20.—Grafton is ablaze to-night over the Republican victory in the municipal election here to-day, and as this is written the bands are serenading Mayor-elect Boyd. Every Republican candidate was elected by an increased majority, except one. The successful candidates are as follows: Mayor, W. O. Boyd; collector, J. O. Chenoweth, and Councilmen, L. Kitymiller, Oscar Rosier and S. H. Shackelford, all Republicans, and J. A. McCabe, Democrat.

CORONER'S JURY

In the Case of J. C. Noland for Killing J. C. Hile.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. ST. MARYS, W. Va., March 20.—The coroner's jury inquiring into the manner of the death of James C. Hile, concluded its labors to-night, after a session lasting the entire day. The verdict was that Hile came to his death from a bullet shot from a pistol in the hands of Joseph C. Nola.

To-morrow there will be a preliminary hearing given Noland before a justice of the peace, on a warrant charging him with the killing of Hile. It is the general opinion here that Noland will be exonerated, as there is an abundance of evidence to show that it was justifiable homicide. Noland is kept at the house of the jailor, but is not confined in a cell in the jail.

BOND ISSUE

Defeated in a Special Election at Parkersburg.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 20.—The people of this county strongly repudiated a proposition to issue \$300,000 in bonds for the improvement of the county roads. A special bond election was held in the county to-day to determine the matter, and it was voted down. All of the districts of the county have not reported, but of those that have not one has given the requisite legal three-fifths majority, and only one district, Parkersburg, gave a majority at all in favor of the bonds. One reason given for the vote on the bond that it was not stipulated in the order of the court just what roads were to be paved. Seventy miles was stated, but which roads was a matter of conjecture.

E. B. HALL,

Of Parkersburg, Appointed Member of the State Board of Pharmacy.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 20.—The state board of public works has appointed E. B. Hall, of Parkersburg, a member of the state board of pharmacy, vice Floyd Pfost, of Jackson county. The change takes effect April 1.

Smallpox at Glenn Falls and Wallace.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 20.—Smallpox has again broken out at Glenn Falls, Harrison county, where they have three cases. Twelve cases of the disease are reported at Wallace, Harrison county, chiefly among the colored people.

Delegate to Pan-American Expo.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 20.—J. C. Morrison, of this city, has been appointed by the governor a delegate to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Mr. Morrison is a prominent coal operator.

Kansas Republicans.

ATCHISON, Kas., March 20.—The first district Republican convention to-day re-nominated Hon. Charles Curtis, of Topeka, for Congress. The convention endorsed Congressman W. J. Bailey for congressman at large, and Lucien Baker for United States senator. The resolutions declare against trusts and ask for the removal of H. Clay Evans, pension commissioner.

CONCERNING DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

Proclamation Issued by Colonial Office Concerning Destruction of British Property.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION

To be Made Against Transvaal Government and Individuals to Repair Damage.

LONDON, March 21, 4:50 a. m.—While there is a lull in the military operations, the present surroundings of the war show interesting developments. The colonial office has telegraphed to Cape Town the text of the proclamation concerning the destruction of property. This will not be published in London until after its promulgation in South Africa, but it is known that it will convey an intimation that any wanton destruction of British property during the war will be regarded as warranting a claim for compensation and as justifying a levy upon private property, should the resources of the Transvaal republic prove inadequate.

The fact that the proclamation is issued by the colonial office is regarded as a significant indication that the republics will be administered as crown colonies. In this connection it is understood that the leaders of the opposition in parliament now admit that no other settlement is possible since the republics insist upon their demand for absolute independence. In view of this the efforts of the liberals will be continued to securing in the settlement the best treatment for the Dutch population, including security against their disfranchisement.

It is becoming as quite a settled matter that should the war be ended, as is now hoped, before June, the government will dissolve parliament and appeal to the country on the basis of a successful South African policy. Should the war drag on, dissolution will be postponed until next spring. In any event one of the foremost planks of the government platform will be army reorganization.

Milner at Bloemfontein.

There is no further information as to the movements of Sir Alfred Milner. It is regarded as certain, however, that he has gone to Bloemfontein to arrange for the temporary administration of the Free State.

Mr. Steyn's reply to Lord Roberts' charge of the misuse of flags of truce is commented upon as impertinent and ridiculous and Lord Roberts' course in closing a useless discussion is commended as wise.

Indications from Natal seem to show that General Buller's forward movement will not be long delayed.

The government has decided that Major General Sir Frederick Carrington shall command the colonial force of 5,000 including the 2,500 men Mr. Chamberlain asked from Australia.

ROBERTS AND STEYN

In Correspondence on Violations of White Flag, Use of Explosive Bullets, Etc.—Crimination and Recrimination Indulged in, Each Charging the Other With Violations.

LONDON, March 20, 7:15 p. m.—The following dispatch has been received at the war office from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Monday, March 19:

"I have received the following reply to my telegram of March 11 to the presidents of the Free State and South African republic:

"Your excellency's telegram reached me yesterday. I assure you nothing would grieve me more than that my burghers should make themselves guilty of a deed such as that laid to their charge by you. I am, however, glad to say that you must have been mistaken. I have made personal inquiry of General Delarey, who was in command of our burghers at the place mentioned by you. He denies entirely that our burghers acted as stated by you, but he says that on Saturday, the date being illegible, the British troops, when they were about fifty yards from our position, put up their hands as well as a white flag, whilst at the same time your cannon bombarded the said troops, with the result that Commandant De Beer was wounded. Yesterday morning the head commandant wrote in his account of the battle as follows: 'The soldiers hoisted the white flag, but we were then fired at by the English cannons and compelled to charge.'"

"Perhaps it is not known to your excellency that the same thing happened at Spion Kop, where, when a portion of the troops hoisted a white flag and put up their hands and whilst our burghers were busy disarming them, another portion of the troops fired on our burghers; but some of the British troops were killed. It has also been reported that at the last battle of the Tugela English cannon fired on troops who had surrendered."

"With reference to the explosive bullets found in Cronje's laager and elsewhere, I can give your excellency assurance that such bullets were not purchased or allowed by the government. I, however, have no reason to doubt your statement, as I know many of the burghers of this state and of the South African republic, took a large number of Lee-Metford rifles and dum-dum and other bullets from British troops."

"May I request your excellency, as the cable is closed to me, to make my

reply known to your government and the neutral powers by cable."

(Signed)

"STATE PRESIDENT."

The dispatch of Lord Roberts concludes as follows:

"As the inquiry into that matter proves his honor's allegations to be unfounded, and as I personally saw the holding up of hands which he denies, I have not thought it desirable to continue the correspondence."

STEYN

Declaring that Burghers Who Sign Declaration that They Will Not Fight Against the British Will be Regarded as Traitors and Shot.

LONDON, March 20.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 20:

"Kitchener occupied Prieska yesterday unopposed. The rebels surrendered their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the river."

"Mr. Steyn is circulating a notice, by means of dispatch riders, in reply to my proclamation, to the effect that any burgher who signs a declaration that he will not fight against us again will be treated as a traitor and shot."

"The Bloemfontein people are affording us every assistance in the matter of hospital accommodations. We have consequently been able to arrange for 500 beds."

"Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska. 200 stands of arms and some supplies and explosives."

"The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basutoiland frontier."

NEW ZEALAND

Applauds Action of England and Offers Troops.

LONDON, March 21.—Mr. Chamberlain has received the following telegram from the governor and commander in chief of New Zealand, the Earl of Bannburn:

"The people of New Zealand wish to express their endorsement of the position taken up by the imperial government in declining to allow the intervention of any foreign power in the settlement with the Transvaal and the Free State, and in declining to assent to either state being independent."

"My government assures her majesty's government that New Zealand will support to the last the mother country, so far as it lies in her power, in maintaining that position which has been taken up irrespective of consequences."

"I am desirous to add that there are large numbers of men volunteering who are good riders and shots, willing to go to South Africa for the relief of the imperial forces if the services of the latter will be required elsewhere."

WHITE FLAGS FLYING

And British Troops Cordially Received.

LONDON, March 20.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Donkerspoort, dated Monday, March 19, says:

"A reconnaissance toward Philippolis, twenty-five miles west of Springfontein, found the farms all flying white flags. The British troops were cordially received."

"It is reported that Mr. Steyn is trying to rally the Boers, but the latter say they have had enough."

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Credits Relief of Ladysmith to General Buller.

LONDON, March 21.—Winston Churchill, in a dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, warmly resists the contention that the relief of Ladysmith rose out of Lord Roberts' operations.

"On the contrary," he says, "the operations of Lord Roberts were assisted by the fact that General Buller kept 16,000 Boers occupied. It would be a cruel and unworthy thing to deprive the Natal army of their hard earned laurels and none would more vigorously repudiate such a suggestion than Lord Roberts himself."

SHEET COMBINE

To be Fully Organized in New York Next Monday.

PITTSBURGH, March 20.—The Pittsburgh manufacturers interested in the consolidation of the iron and steel sheet interests of the country, to-day received notice of a meeting to be held in New York on Monday next. At this meeting the deal will be closed and the American Steel Sheet Company, the name of the new combination, will be ready for business.

It was learned to-day that a New Jersey charter has been secured by the promoters of the new company. The capital stock, as already told, is \$2,000,000, half preferred and half common.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of National Steel Company—Election of Officers.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The National Steel Company recently re-incorporated in New Jersey, with a capital of \$59,000,000, held its first annual meeting under New Jersey laws, at Orange, to-day. Three new directors were elected, as follows:

W. T. Graham and John Topping, of New York, and James D. Dill, of East Orange. Afterward the board elected the following officers:

President, W. F. Reis; secretary, A. G. Baldwin; treasurer, F. F. Wheeler, all of Chicago.

The annual report shows a surplus of \$3,706,893.

Weather Forecast.

For Ohio—Fair Wednesday; Thursday fair and warmer in western portion; fresh to brisk westerly winds, becoming variable.

For West Virginia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; northerly winds.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday, as registered by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner of Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. 35 1 p. m. 45

9 a. m. 41 7 p. m. 54

12 m. 49 9 p. m. 51

Weather—Fair.